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ADVANCED SEMINAR IN WOMEN'S STUDIES:

## feminist ethics

instructor: Martha J. Saunders

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THURSDAY  
18:05-20:10

Location:  
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Feminist ethics is one of the newest and most exciting areas of development of feminist theory. In this course we will examine the ways in which feminist political and social critique have led to the development of feminist ethics both as theory and in the practice of feminist politics. In particular, this year we will explore the ethical meanings of differences among women—differences of race, class, sexual practice, age, and physical ability and the effects of these on feminist politics. Our goal will be to articulate a feminist ethics that can both take account of our differences, avoiding the false universalism of male-stream morality; as well as provide principles for working together across differences to achieve feminist political goals.

This course will be conducted as a seminar-workshop, and a maximum of student participation and activity will be encouraged.

Discussion material will include selections from the following works:

bell hooks, Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center

Audre Lorde, Sister/Outsider

Beverly Harrison, Making the Connections: Essays in Feminist Social Ethics

Cherie Moraga and Gloria Anzaldua, This Bridge called my back: Writings by Radical Women of Color

Marilyn Frye, The Politics of Reality

**\*\* PREREQUISITE:** Students are reminded that this is the advanced seminar in Women's Studies and therefore should not be taken without previous background in Women's Studies or a related field.

